THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Backwardness in Girl's Education

†3598. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not only in the field of professional education, but also in the fields of arts, science or commerce education in universities and colleges, the number of girl students is very less as compared to that of boy students, while according to the census in the country there is not much difference in the population of males and females;

(b) if so, the reasons for the girls lagging behind in education; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to sort out these reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), there is an increasing trend in the number of girl students getting higher education. The percentage of girl students in higher education has risen from 11% in 1950-51 to 35% in 1999-2000

Financial Assistance to NGOs for Education

3599. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organisations for development of education; if so, the quantum thereof, State-wise;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development provides financial assistance to

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Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) throughout the country under various schemes for development of education, State-wise details of such grants of Rs. one lakh and above are generally given in the Annual Report of the Ministry. In pursuance of the National Policy on Education, 1986 (NPE), Non-Governmental initiatives are encouraged to participate in different educational schemes. A task force has also been constituted to monitor the working of NGOs. Most of the Central Schemes/Programmes in the field of education are well known throughout the country. State Governments give these schemes wide publicity from time to time. The details of these schemes are also available on Department's website.

Penalty for Non-Appearance before NCW

3600. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the national Commission for Women have in order to protect the constitutional rights of women *inter-alia*, demanded authority to impose a penalty on those who fail to appear before it;

(b) if so, the details of demands put forth by the Commission; and

(c) how far those had been agreed to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Commission for Women (NCW) had recommended that powers be given to it to levy punishment for non-appearance in response to summons, and to initiate prosecution.

(c) The various provisions of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 are under examination.

Discontinuation of NCC Training in KVs

†3601. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to stop NCC training in Kendriya Vidyalayas; if so, the reasons therefor;

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